



## Information on the function of Humboldt Ambassador Scientists

### 1) Activities of Humboldt Ambassador Scientists abroad

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Ambassador Scientists abroad often work together closely with alumni associations in their own countries as well as other Ambassador Scientists in the same country or region. They are not only the contact person for the Humboldt Foundation, its alumni and future fellows, but also for the Foundation's partner organisations. The activities of Ambassador Scientists abroad are very diverse. They ...

<b>... inform</b>	<b>Information material</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- They manage <u>exhibition stands</u> providing information, e.g. at academic fairs</li><li>- They distribute <u>printed information material</u> at universities and other institutions</li><li>- They disseminate information about the Humboldt Foundation using their own universities' <u>intranet, website or newsletter</u> (e.g. by linking the Foundation to their websites)</li><li>- They send out <u>info emails</u></li><li>- They often <u>translate</u> the Humboldt Foundation presentation and other information on the Foundation's programmes into the languages of their own countries</li></ul> <b>Information events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- They organise and participate in events providing information about the Humboldt Foundation and its programmes</li></ul> <b>Short presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- They deliver short talks on the Humboldt Foundation and its programmes (at conferences and meetings as well as lectures and seminars)</li></ul>
<b>... advise</b>	<b>Personal advice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- They personally <u>advise junior researchers and potential candidates</u> for Humboldt sponsorship (in some cases in collaboration with DAAD branch offices)</li><li>- <u>They advise the Humboldt Foundation</u> on how to customise marketing measures and possibly adapt sponsorship programmes for the respective country (based on application figures and the response from the respective country)</li></ul>

<b>... network (in person and virtually)</b>	<b>Networking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They <u>create a virtual platform</u> to connect Humboldtians in a given country (in collaboration with alumni associations) (e.g. creating a website in the respective language, setting up a group in the Alumniportal Deutschland or Humboldt Life)</li> <li>- They <u>welcome /contact newly selected fellows</u> in their own countries, offering help with any questions or problems</li> <li>- They help and <u>participate in founding new Humboldt alumni associations</u> in their own countries</li> <li>- They <u>help to initiate cooperation</u> between agencies, institutions for the promotion of research or businesses in their own countries and the Humboldt Foundation and other partners in Germany</li> <li>- They are in contact/ cooperate with the German Houses of Science and Innovation</li> </ul>
<b>... organise</b>	<b>Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They organise and <u>help organise events</u> (e.g. Humboldt Kollegs or Humboldt Colloquia)</li> </ul>

## 2.) Useful links and information for Ambassador Scientists

- **Publications and information material**

On the website below, "publications and information material", you can find recommendations on how to mediate information, a presentation about Humboldt Foundation programmes including notes for the speaker, as well as an order form you can use to obtain materials in the required amount at any time:

<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/publications.html>

The presentation is updated at regular intervals. New publications are also made available here.

- **Information on Germany's research landscape and on staying in Germany**

For practical information on a stay in Germany (e.g. sponsorship opportunities, the German research landscape, visa regulations, questions about taxation, etc.) you can visit the online portal of EURAXESS Germany. It provides answers to many of the practical questions that newly selected fellows may have about their research stay in Germany.

<https://www.euraxess.de/>

<http://www.research-in-germany.org/en/research-landscape.html>

- **Alumniportal Deutschland**

On the Alumniportal Deutschland fellows and alumni of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation are given the opportunity to network with researchers and other Germany alumni throughout the world. The Alumniportal Deutschland is a free internet platform for people who have been affiliated to an institution in Germany or a German institution abroad for purposes of study, research, employment, training/continuing education or language learning. In addition to a world-spanning online community, the Alumniportal Deutschland also provides information on science and research, sustainability, German language and culture.

<http://www.alumniportal-deutschland.org/>

- **Humboldt Life**

Humboldt Life is the online social network of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. It offers registered users a number of tools enabling them to comprehensively present themselves and their research areas and to network with other members of the Humboldt family. Users can also update their personal data and add publications here. Publications resulting from sponsorship by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation can be accordingly identified and will appear in the publicly accessible Bibliographia Humboldtiana on the website of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

[www.humboldt-life.de](http://www.humboldt-life.de)

- **Overview of application numbers and newly selected fellows**

Upon request, the Humboldt Foundation will provide Ambassador Scientists with information about application figures as well as an overview of newly selected fellows in their respective countries. If interested, please contact [britta.debus@avh.de](mailto:britta.debus@avh.de).

Information on the number of applications as well as on the newly selected fellows and awardees (by country) can also be found on the website of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation:

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/statistics.html>

[http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/pls/web/pub\\_auswahlergebnisse](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/pls/web/pub_auswahlergebnisse)

- **Useful links for finding an academic host in Germany**

<http://www.gerit.org/en/>

[https://www.academics.com/science/research\\_institutes\\_30516.html](https://www.academics.com/science/research_institutes_30516.html)

- **Strategic Focus of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation**

You can find information on the strategic focus of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation on our website:

<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/strategic-focus.html>

- **Ambassador Scientists' annual reports**

Once annually, the Ambassador Scientists abroad report on their activities during the past year. The Humboldt Foundation is particularly interested in observations on a country's special features, any difficulties, as well as the Ambassador Scientists' suggestions for improvement. These observations help us to continue improving our offers for applicants as well as the conditions of work for Ambassador Scientists. Please send your report to [britta.debus@avh.de](mailto:britta.debus@avh.de).